

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-47 (Canceled)

48. (New) A jack assembly comprising:

a frame including an upper row of jacks and a vertically offset lower row of jacks, each jack including a port for receiving a plug and spring contacts for making electrical contact with the plug, each of the jacks in the upper row being offset horizontally with respect to an adjacent jack in the lower row, the frame including a shield structure for minimizing transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the shield structure positioned between the upper row of jacks and the lower row of jacks, each jack in the upper row being horizontally offset with respect to an adjacent jack in the lower row at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack.

49. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 48, wherein the lower row of jacks are vertically offset with respect to the upper row of jacks at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack.

50. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 48, wherein the jacks include RJ-45 jacks.

51. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 48, wherein the shield structure includes conductive material.

52. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 51, wherein the shield structure includes carbon-filled material.

53. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 48, wherein the frame is molded plastic.
54. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 48, wherein the frame includes two rows of twelve jacks each.
55. (New) A telecommunications device comprising:
a frame defining an upper row of jack receptacles and a vertically offset lower row of jack receptacles, each of the jack receptacles in the upper row being offset horizontally with respect to an adjacent jack receptacle in the lower row, the frame including a shield structure for minimizing transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the shield structure positioned between the upper row of jack receptacles and the lower row of jack receptacles, each jack receptacle in the upper row being horizontally offset with respect to an adjacent jack receptacle in the lower row at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack receptacle.
56. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the lower row of jack receptacles are vertically offset with respect to the upper row of jack receptacles at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack receptacle.
57. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the shield structure includes conductive material.
58. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 57, wherein the shield structure includes carbon-filled material.
59. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the frame is molded plastic.

60. (New) A telecommunications device according to claim 55, wherein the frame includes two rows of twelve jack receptacles.

61. (New) A jack assembly comprising:

a plurality of jacks, each jack including a port for receiving a plug and spring contacts for making electrical contact with the plug, the plurality of jacks defining subsets of adjacent jack pairs, the jacks of each adjacent jack pair being offset relative to each other in two directions and being offset relative to each other at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack in both of the directions, the jack assembly including a shield structure for minimizing transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the shield structure positioned between the jacks of the adjacent jack pairs.

62. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the plurality of jacks are mounted on a frame.

63. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the two directions are a generally horizontal direction and a generally vertical direction.

64. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the jacks include RJ-45 jacks.

65. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the plurality of jacks include an upper row of jacks and a parallel lower row of jacks, the shield structure positioned between the upper row of jacks and the lower row of jacks.

66. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the plurality of jacks includes two parallel rows of twelve jacks each.

67. (New) A jack assembly according to claim 61, wherein the shield structure includes carbon-filled material.